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SUSPECT SHOT AFTER FOOT CHASE WITH OFFICER

A Milwaukee Police Officer shot a suspect who reached into his waistband during a foot pursuit with officers late Friday, May 9, 2008.

The incident occurred at 11:51 p.m. in a gangway in the 3000 block of N. 28th Street. Milwaukee Police Officers were responding to the area of N. 28th & W. Burleigh Sts. for a report of shots being fired in the neighborhood. When officers arrived, they saw about 20 men preparing to fight in the parking lot of a gas station at N. 27th and W. Burleigh Sts.

As multiple marked squads and uniformed officers converged on the gas station, the group ran from them. One officer chased one of the men on foot into a gangway on N. 28th Street. As the uniformed officer was chasing the man, the suspect reached into his waistband, crouched down and turned toward the officer.

Believing his life was in danger, the officer discharged his weapon, striking the suspect. The suspect was conveyed to a local hospital where he was being treated early Saturday morning. His injuries are believed to be non-life threatening. Investigators continue to search the area for a weapon.

The suspect, age 20, is a known gang member of the Gangster Disciples and has an arrest record for recklessly endangering safety and burglary.

The officer involved in the incident is a 30-year-old male with four years of service. He is assigned to District 3.

The incident is under investigation by the Milwaukee Police Department and the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. As is standard operating procedure, the officer was placed on administrative duty pending the completion of the investigation.

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